

REMARKS


Claims 1-3, 5-21 and 23-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 21 and 23-30 have been allowed. Claims 11-16 have been rejected and the Examiner has indicated that Claims 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hillestad, U.S. Patent No. 5,542,177. Although the applicant believes that original independent claim 11 is neither anticipated, nor taught or suggested by the cited reference, in order to have the application proceed to issue, the subject matter of allowable claim 19, and intervening claims has been added to claim 11. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of at least Claim 11 in a further application.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and a notice of such is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns regarding this response, a telephone call to the undersigned is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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